

Church of the Resurrection
 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
 Large Conference Room, Pastoral Center
 April 1, 2024

Attendance:

Pastoral Council (voting members)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>
Martin Fienkeng	P
Laura Glaudemans	P
Greg Jolissaint (RS)	P
Bill Judy	P
Gina Maclean (P)	P
Lorraine Miano-Fike (VP)	P
Martin Mullan (CS)	P
Mary Peroutka	P
Paul Reif	P
Carolyn Sherman	P
Paul Venginickal	P
Julie Winpisinger	P

Others in attendance

<u>Clergy</u>	
Msgr. John Dietzenbach	Pastor - P
Father Paul	Asso Pastor - Ex
<u>Committees</u>	
Lorraine Miano-Fike	Events Under the Tent
Peggy Gessler	Social Justice
<u>Invited Guests</u>	
Stephanie West	HSA
Diane Lesko, Sue Ellen Grove	Open Arms Ministry
Cindy Desrochers	Pastoral Staff

1. Call to Order: Pastoral Council President, Gina Maclean, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Meeting Timer: Paul Venginickal
3. Opening Prayer: Laura Glaudemans provided the Opening Prayer
4. Roll Call/Quorum: Greg Jolissaint reported to the PC President that a quorum was present.
5. Minutes: The meeting minutes of the March Pastoral Council meeting were approved electronically between meetings via e-mail. The minutes were uploaded to the Church of the Resurrection website by Stephen Lay.

6. **Pastor's report:** presented by Msgr. John Dietzenbach

a. Vision 20/20 and move-in update

- *Father John updated the PC regarding a parishioner who was injured during the pilgrimage in South America. Everything ultimately turned out fine. The parishioner has returned to the United States and is recovering.
- *the stained-glass windows are being installed in the church today and tomorrow.
- *the Resurrection stained-glass window was also installed over the front entrance
- *the installation of the organ began today
- *the marble Altar and the marble Ambo are currently in customs in Peru. Once they clear customs, they will be loaded aboard a ship that will make port in Norfolk, Virginia; the items will then be shipped by truck to Maryland
- *installation of the pews will begin next Monday
- *the Holy Water Font is expected to be installed on April 12
- *County inspections have been occurring all along during the construction process, and they will continue until completed – there have been no surprises during these inspections
- *Martin Fienkeng successfully installed a wireless device that will allow the new elevator to have a wireless phone inside
- *Peter Glaudemans helped Father John purchase bushes at Sun Nursery – Father John believes he is hoping to plant the bushes on Saturday April 20

b. Easter Weekend Recap

- *Father John thanked everyone who served throughout the Triduum
- *he also thanked those who volunteered for Foot Washing
- *Father John and multiple PC members complimented the Music Ministry and the Choir for the Easter Thursday, Easter Saturday, and Easter Sunday music and choral selections

c. Staff update

- *Kevin Skerry will be having surgery this week; Father John said his recovery could cause him to be away from work for 3-6 months. Rick Murray will be filling for Kevin (somewhat)
- *Father John has discussed potentially hiring a college student to help with grounds maintenance during the summer (until Kevin can return to work)
- *Nathan Turska (Youth Minister) will be leaving ~May 10th.
- *Beth Bennett, Alice Appleby, and Christine Lederer are also resigning their positions effective July 1 (but they have agreed to stay until they are replaced)

d. Church Dedication Planning

- *Father John said he recently attended a church dedication in Cockeysville; after that experience, he believes Cathy Hanks and the Liturgy Committee have a good handle on the Church Dedication Ceremony plans and preparations
- *Father John also commented that the “Memorial Book” is being organized and will contain the names of anyone who donated funds toward Vision 2020 and towards Memorials

e. **Archdiocese Annual Appeal**

*Father John was happy to announce both Church of the Resurrection and St. Paul Church achieved their pledge goals

f. **Tent Disposition**

*Cindy Desrochers sold the tent today. It was sold at a reasonable price (\$35K, which includes the disassembly, packing up, and transport to the new owner)

*Tent will remain up and useable until June 10th (primarily for use by RSPS).

*the \$35K will go towards paying down the Vision 2020 debt

g. **New pastor** – Father John reported that the new Resurrection (and Pastorate) Pastor has been offered the position, and he has accepted. He believes the name of the new Pastor will be officially released in the next week or two.

7. **President's Report**: presented by Gina MacLean

a. **Open Arms Ministry Update** – Diane Lesko and Sue Ellen Grove were invited to the PC Meeting to provide an update regarding the Parish and the Archdiocesan Open Arms Ministry. Sue Ellen started the discussion with the Church of the Resurrection Program:

*the overall goal this year was to make Open Arms Ministry meetings and activities readily available to the pastorate and to other parishes; 15 people attend regularly; multiple parishes are represented at these meetings

*there is an upcoming Catholic LGBTQ+ Ministry conference in Georgetown (\$100 registration fee; nearby hotels are available); information will be made available

*Open Arms Ministry leaders planned for 2 retreats this year. One retreat is completed and one will be conducted soon. Both retreats are open to the entire parish

*the ministry focuses on fellowship opportunities and team building; ministry leaders want our Parish to be a welcoming community for all LGBTQ+ members

*suicide prevention in the LGBTQ+ Community is also a focus

*ministry leaders wear a Rainbow and Flag pin (called a "Progress Pride Pin") to send a message of inclusion and acceptance to parishioners

*Diane Lesko then described the **Archdiocesan program**: the Baltimore Archdiocese has endorsed the "**All Are Welcome**" LGBTQ+ Ministry; the newest ministry is located at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Frederick. According to the AAW website, there are 9 ministries in Baltimore City; 3 ministries in Anne Arundel County; 1 in Washington County; 1 in Frederick County; and 1 in Howard County (Church of the Resurrection and St. Paul Catholic Church). The website can be found via the following link:

[All Are Welcome Ministry \(aawlgbtministry.com\)](http://aawlgbtministry.com)

*last April there was a “renaming ceremony” for those community members who changed their names

*6 Auxiliary Bishops heard a panel of LGBTQ+ parents and ministry leaders – this was felt to be a step in a positive direction as these Bishops listened and heard

*the “Like Every Disciple” document – 12 pages – was published by the Archdiocese and signed by Archbishop Lori in the Summer of 2023. The document is subtitled “**LGBT Pastoral Accompaniment**” and it contains Guidelines for Ministry with the LGBTQ+ Community (ministry leaders expressed their feeling the document provides consistency across ministries and communities). This publication can be reviewed via the following link:

[LGBT Pastoral Accompaniment - Archdiocese of Baltimore \(archbalt.org\)](https://www.archbalt.org/lgbt-pastoral-accompaniment)

*the Resurrection-St. Paul Open Arms Ministry is currently the only non-“All Are Welcome” ministry formally recognized by the Baltimore Archdiocese

*on June 13th at St. John the Evangelist Church in Columbia, there will be a Welcome Mass (a Mass of Inclusion) for the LGBTQ+ Community, their family, and their friends

*Diane Lesko briefly described her own reasons for becoming part of this ministry – and she also described how sharing food has become a vehicle for sharing her faith (and how food seems to also be a vehicle for others to share their faith)

*Diane was asked whether Open Arms Ministry leaders have encountered any “Pushback” since starting the Open Arms Ministry; she said she only received one email containing the question “is this the new direction of the Catholic Church?”

*the PC thanked Diane Lesko and Sue Ellen for updating the PC on this very worthwhile ministry

b. Committee/ministry reports – Adult FF / Rel. Ed / Youth Ministry

*the PC discussed a comment made by Susan Yost in her report regarding the JAM Ministry (and her belief that this low-cost ministry should not require parents to pay a fee for their children); Cindy Desrochers will be contacting Susan to discuss her ministry budget and how to ensure JAM parents are not required to pay fees for their children (one option is for Susan to request \$200 in donations to pay for JAM ministry materials)

c. HSA – Stephanie West said RSPS will be conducting a Bag Bingo at Mt. St. Josephs on Friday April 19th (the same night as the SSSMILE Village Indian Dinner); and the RSPS Fun Run will be conducted on Friday May 10th

*Stephanie then updated the PC on the RSPS Gala -- although the tally has not been finalized, the March RSPS Gala probably made a small profit. They had to rent a venue for the gala which cut into their profitability (next year the gala will be in the Hall, so they will be able to generate a better profit).

d. Events Under the Tent – Lorraine Miano-Fike provided an EUT update

*March Ceili was wonderful; ~60 attended

*SSSMILE Village Dinner will occur on Friday April 19th (the Resurrection Knights, the Social Justice Committee, and the local Indian Community are ready to go)

*RSPS Fun Run is scheduled for May 10th – no additional help is required

*the Pastorate Picnic will occur on Sunday afternoon June 9 – specified volunteers will be required to have current VIRTUS or Worthy of the Call Training (the Volunteer SignUpGenius has the specific positions that will be affected by this requirement)

e. Budget

*the Finance Committee removed the Events Under the Tent budget line (\$1000) – this was originally designed to be “seed money” for either the Trunk or Treat or the Ice Cream Social? During the ensuing PC discussions, it was concluded that individual ministries/parish organizations should either request monies or make it a zero-sum-gain event (therefore the “seed money” would not be required)

*for the Trunk or Treat, a suggestion was made to ask the Men’s Club to host something in the Hall after the Knights and Cub Scouts complete the Trunk or Treat event in the Parking Lot (Greg Jolissaint will communicate with the Men’s Club regarding this suggestion)

f. Elections update – Laura

***we were seeking 4 new parishioners to serve on the PC**

*3 names were submitted: Julie Winpinger; Tom Lauer; and Cathy Parrish

*after discussion, it was determined that no election would be required – we could announce the new PC members in the bulletin and in ResConnections emails

*for the 4th new PC member, the committee recommended the Pastor ask a parishioner who has applied twice in the prior 2 years to serve on the PC (Brad Weiss); Msgr John expressed his agreement with this recommendation and he will reach out to Brad Weiss.

g. 50th Anniversary Celebration Update

*Faith Fiocco is helping to coordinate catering

*Michael Ball will be providing music

*250 tickets will need to be sold to “break even” for this celebration (~\$100 per person)

i. Fall Fest Update

*the planning committee will consist of Greg Jolissaint, Selina Conant, and Tom Przybla

*Lorraine Miano-Fike and the planning committee had their first meeting Monday night

*the committee felt planning was on track and no additional help would be required (but Cindy Desrochers and Lorraine Miano-Fike will continue to serve as “consultants” to the Planning Committee, and they will also be invited to participate in all future planning meetings)

h. Additional Items from PC Members:

1) On behalf of the Resurrection Knights of Columbus, Greg Jolissaint reported the Parish Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Sunday Mass parking went well. No issues were reported.

2) Mary Peroutka stated the Children's Stations of the Cross was conducted on Good Friday; ~150 people attended (with lots of adults attending without kids). Since this event was so successful, Mary suggested having both a children's focused Stations of the Cross and an Adult focused Stations of the Cross in the future. This will be a discussion and decision for the new Pastor next Easter.

3) Peggy Gessler stated they were conducting a Prayer Service for a Catholic Parish in Israel; she also encouraged PC members to buy tickets and participate in the SSSMILE Village Dinner and fundraiser.

8. Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Gina led the closing prayer and adjourned our meeting at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Jolissaint, PC Recording Secretary

These minutes were electronically approved by the PC during the week of April 12-18

Next regular meeting—Monday May 6, 2024